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For: TEMPLATE-BASED SYSTEM FOR)
AUTOMATED DEPLOYMENT AND)
MANAGEMENT OF NETWORK)
DEVICES)
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections of the claims. The withdrawal of the previous grounds of rejection is noted with appreciation.

Claim 1-4 and 8-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102, on the grounds that they were considered to be anticipated by the newly-cited *Sciacca* patent (U.S. 6,760,761). Claim 5, 6, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over the *Sciacca* patent, and claims 7 and 14 were rejected as being unpatentable over the *Sciacca* patent in view of the *McNeely et al.* patent. For the reasons presented below, it is respectfully submitted that the *Sciacca* patent neither anticipates, nor otherwise suggests, the claimed subject matter.

Claim 1 recites a system for automatically deploying a plurality of network devices that comprises, among other elements, a memory storing a template which contains a sequence of commands for configuration each of a plurality of devices, wherein each command that refers to a particular device contains a variable as the